

A free and open press is one of the surest ways our society can protect itself against powerful entities, such as government agencies, corporations, advocacy groups and others. The specific interests of these organizations often run counter to the interests of the larger community. The consolidation of American Media may appear to be in the interests of the corporations who own and manage these companies. But their overwhelming presence in the marketplace, and their overpowering ability to shape public opinion and promote public policy poses a unique threat to a true public debate, and to a truly free democracy.